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SUBJ: STUDENT STRIKE

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SUMMARY: SECONDARY STUDENTS MARADI AND ZINDER ALSO ON STRIKE RESULT-
ING IN SCHOOL CLOSINGS. IN NIAMEY GON ATTEMPTING BREAK STRIKE BY
ROUNDING UP STUDENT LEADERS. NIAMEY POPULATION WELL AWARE OF, BUT
APPARENTLY LARGELY UNCONCERNED WITH SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORTS FROM EASTERN NIGER INDICATE THAT AUTHORITIES IN MARADI
AND ZINDER CLOSED SCHOOLS AND SENT STRIKING STUDENTS HOME AFTER
MINOR CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE AND SCATTERED PROPERTY
DAMAGE.

2. IN NIAMEY STRIKE CONTINING INTO FIFTH DAY. SUCCESS OF STUDENT
BOYCOTT AS YET UNMEASURABLE, BUT NATIONAL LYCEE REMAINS CLOSE AND
STRIKING STUDENTS AT LYCEE DE JEUNES FILLES, COLLEGE MARIAMA AND
TWO CEG'S HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP BY ARMY AND SENT HOME. ACCORDING
DIR OF CABINET FOR MINED, GON STRATEGY IN BREAKING STRIKE IS
ROUND UP STUDENT LEADERS IN HOPE THAT STRIKE WILL THEN PETER OUT.

COMMENT: THROUGHOUT STRIKE NIAMEY HAS REMAINED CALM WITH LITTLE
CHANGE IN NORMAL ROUTINE. ONLY EVIDENCE OF STRIKE BEING PRESENCE
OF POLICE AND ARMY AROUND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OCCASIONAL SIGHT
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OF ARMY MARCHING ARRESTED STUDENTS TO DETENTION CENTERS.

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